

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-52.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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ISHRAT SHERALI
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-13, 26-38 and 51: The present invention is a method, computer program product stored on a computer readable medium and an apparatus for embedding a watermark bit-sequence in a data stream of symbols compressed using dictionary based compression scheme with variable length indices. Independent claims 1, 26 and 51 identify the uniquely distinct features "identifying division in the set of m-bit index value including non-watermark value range, a zero-bit watermark value range and a one-bit watermark value range, determine a watermark as either a zero-bit value or one-bit value, transmitting the index value in the zero-bit watermark value range when the watermark bit value is determined to be zero-bit value and transmitting the index value in the one-bit watermark value range when the watermark bit value is determined to be one-bit value". The closest prior art to Rhoads (US 6,950,519) and Tian et al. (US 7,187,780) disclose embedding a bit-sequence in a data stream of symbols compressed using dictionary based compression scheme with variable length indices, however either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate or render above limitations obvious.

2. The following is statement of reasons for allowance of claims 14-25, 39-50 and 52: The present invention is a method, computer program product stored on a computer readable medium and an apparatus for extracting watermark bit-sequence from a data stream of symbols compressed using dictionary based

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compression scheme with variable length indices. Independent claims 14, 39 and 52 identify the uniquely distinct features "identifying division in the set of m-bit index value including non-watermark value range, classifying the input index value as member of one of the divisions within the set of m-bit index values, setting a next bit of the watermark bit sequence to a zero value when the input index value in the zero-bit watermark value range and setting a next bit of the watermark bit sequence to a one value when the input index value in the one-bit watermark value range". The closest prior art to Rhoads (US 6,950,519) and Tian et al. (US 7,187,780) disclose extracting watermark bit-sequence from a data stream of symbols compressed using dictionary based compression scheme with variable length indices, however either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate or render above limitations obvious.

Communication

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherali Ishrat whose telephone number is 571-272-7398. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30PM.

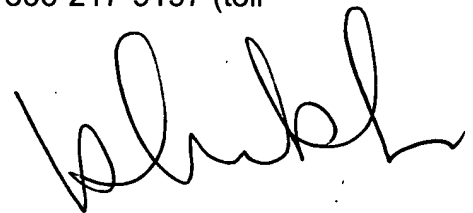
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ishrat Sherali', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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